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SUBJ: JAMAICAN MINISTER TO TRAVEL TO CUBA

1. DUDLEY THOMPSON, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, TOLD CHARGE LAST NIGHT THAT HE IS TRAVELLING TO CUBA NEXT WEEK FOR MEETINGS WITH HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS THERE. HE DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER ON THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP. HOWEVER, HE COMMENTED ON THE DECLARATION OF THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO ABOUT THE POSSIBLITY OF RESUMED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CUBA AND THE US SAYING THIS WAS AN OFFICIAL OVERTURE AND HENCE A MAJOR CHANGE IN THE CUBAN POSITION. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD SEE IF HE COULD FIND OUT ANY POSSIBLE CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US IN THE COURSE OF HIS TRIP AND GIVE CHARGE A REPORT ON HIS RETURN.

2. COMMENT: GIVEN THE CURRENT TRIPS BY PRIME MINISTER MANLEY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET TO VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD IN SEARCH OF OIL OR HIGHER PRICES FOR JAMAICA'S PRODUCTS IT STANDS TO REASON THAT DUDLEY THOMPSON'S TRIP FORMS PART OF THE SAME CAMPAIGN, BUT IT IS HARD TO SEE WHERE CUBA FITS IN OR HOW IT MIGHT HELP JAMAICA IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
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